

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MARYLAND**

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UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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Re: McNair v. Flanagan, et. al.
Civil Action No.: L-02-2281

Dear Counsel:

In accordance with our telephone conference today, this letter confirms your request for a referral to another United States Magistrate Judge for a settlement conference and the date of the evidentiary hearing, should one be necessary. You will be contacted in the near future regarding the scheduling of a settlement conference. In the referral, I will request that it be scheduled prior to the date selected for the evidentiary hearing.

Should the case proceed to the evidentiary hearing, the parties are to submit a pre-hearing brief that follows the format set forth in Local Rule 106.2 and the protocol set forth in Local Rule 106.3, in accordance with the schedule below.

Schedule

Pre-hearing Brief dueWednesday, June 9, 2004

Evidentiary Hearing Tuesday, June 22, 2004
at 9:30 a.m.

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Please feel free to contact me if I may be of any assistance.

Despite the informal nature of this letter, it will constitute an order of the Court and will be docketed accordingly.

Very truly yours,

/s/

Beth P. Gesner

United States Magistrate Judge